

# HOLOCAUST BIO PRESENTATION

## Assignment Description:

After you have finished collecting all necessary biographical information about your assigned identity (person), you will prepare to share it with your peers through an **in-character presentation** that will take place during our class's luncheon. You will assume the identity of this person and to attend the luncheon "in character". That means you are expected to **dress, speak** and **behave** in a way that is consistent with your research.

Attendees will receive a nametag when you arrive, to help distinguish who you are. You will be expected to walk around, introduce yourself (using the name of your biographical identity) and to learn more about others.

### In-character Presentation:

While seated at the luncheon, guests will take turns introducing themselves to everyone at the table and each will share a brief story about his/her experience during the Holocaust.

- While presenting, you must discuss and explain all of the research you gathered. Remember to speak as a first-person narrator (using "I", "my", etc.).
- To make your character more believable, you will NOT be permitted to refer to your bio log during your presentation; therefore, be sure to practice and prepare ahead of time.

### Dress/ Clothing:

- Arrive "in costume".
- You may choose which age you're going to represent. For example, if this person lived to be 80, but was 16 when he lived through the Holocaust, you may choose to dress as this person when he was 16...or 80; your choice.
- Keep it simple. Be mindful of the time period and place in which this person lived (*i.e.* wear plain, Great Depression-era clothing; no modern name brands; no fancy jewelry, etc.)
- Be innovative. Use things that you already have at home. I do not expect you to go out and purchase specific clothing for this assignment!
- Evidence of your careful thought and planning should be obvious to me. The clothing you wear as part of your "costume" SHOULD NOT APPEAR TO BE CLOTHING YOU NORMALLY WEAR TO SCHOOL.
- Be school-appropriate. You are still expected to follow school dress code. Err on the side of caution: check with your teacher ahead of time; bring a change of clothes.

### Speak/ Language:

- "Invoke your character".
- Speak clearly and loudly.
- Speak in a formal tone---no modern slang.
- Stay on topic---no side or off-topic conversations.

### Behavior and attitude:

- Remain "in character" throughout the entire lunch party.
- A mature, thoughtful, respectful demeanor is expected at all times.
- While other speakers are talking, be active listeners.
- During the luncheon when presentations are not being given, engage in conversation; ask questions, tell stories.

*You are cordially invited to  
attend a luncheon on*

*May 15, 2013 in Room 237*

*to be honored in commemoration for the  
strength, courage and respect of those  
who were victims of the Holocaust.*

*Please come prepared to share your  
personal story, and to meet others who  
will discuss their personal experiences  
as well.*

*Please pack a lunch.*

*Drinks and dessert will be provided.*